



Setting Best Practice Parameters for IS-IS Fast Convergence

This module describes how to configure an IS-IS router with parameters that are recommended as a basic step to improve network convergence.

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Prerequisites for Setting Best Practice Parameters for IS-IS Fast Convergence

- It is assumed that you already have IS-IS running on your network.
- Before performing the tasks in this module, you should be familiar with the concepts described in the "Overview of IS-IS Fast Convergence" module.

Information About Setting Best Practice Parameters for IS-IS Fast Convergence

Information About Increased Scaling of IS-IS Neighbors

How to Set Best Practice Parameters for IS-IS Fast Convergence

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `router isis [area- tag]`
4. `is-type [level-1 | level-1-2 | level-2-only]`
5. `metric-style wide [transition] [level-1 | level-2 | level-1-2]`
6. `set-overload-bit [on-startup {seconds | wait-for-bgp}] [suppress {interlevel| external}]`
7. `no hello padding`
8. `end`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router isis [area- tag] Example: <pre>Router(config)# router isis</pre>	Enables IS-IS as an IP routing protocol and assigns a tag to a process, if required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enters router configuration mode.
Step 4	is-type [level-1 level-1-2 level-2-only] Example:	Configures the routing level for an instance of the IS-IS routing process.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>Router(config-router)# is-type level-1</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that IS-IS nodes that operate at a single level be configured as Level 1 to minimize the number of adjacencies, LDSBs, and related SPF and PRC calculations. <p>Note You can also set the IS-IS level type on the interface by entering the isis circuit-type command.</p>
Step 5	<p>metric-style wide [transition] [level-1 level-2 level-1-2]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-router)# metric-style wide</pre>	<p>Globally changes the metric value for all IS-IS interfaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide style metrics are required for prefix tagging.
Step 6	<p>set-overload-bit [on-startup {seconds wait-for-bgp}] [suppress {interlevel external}]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-router)# set-overload-bit on-startup 360</pre>	<p>Configures the router to signal other routers not to use it as an intermediate hop in their shortest path first (SPF) calculations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting the overload bit gives the router enough time to build its BGP and CEF tables prior to the router being used as a transit node.
Step 7	<p>no hello padding</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-router)# no hello padding</pre>	<p>Disables IS-IS hello padding at the router level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By default the IS-IS Hello PDUs are padded to the full MTU size, possibly having a negative impact on time-sensitive application traffic that travels across low-bandwidth interfaces or on interface buffer resources when frequent hellos are configured. It is recommended to globally disable hello padding.
Step 8	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-router)# end</pre>	<p>Exits router configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</p>

Configuration Examples for Setting Best Practice Parameters for IS-IS Fast Convergence

Example Enabling IS-IS on a Router and Setting Best Practice Parameters for IS-IS Fast Convergence

The following example enables the IS-IS routing protocol on the interfaces for Router A, enables IS-IS on Router A, and configures Router A with the basic commands recommended to optimize IS-IS network convergence.

Router A

```
!
clns routing
process-max-time 50
ip routing protocol purge interface
router isis
  passive-interface Loopback0
  net 49.1962.XXXX.XXXX.XXXX.00
  is-type level-2-only
  ispf level-2
  log-adjacency-changes
  ignore-lsp-errors
  metric-style wide level-2
  external overload signalling !Configure on Cisco 12000 series Internet routers
  set-overload-bit on-startup 180
  max-lsp-lifetime 65535
  lsp-refresh-interval 65000
  spf-interval 5 1 50
  prc-interval 5 1 50
  lsp-gen-interval 5 1 50
  no hello padding
  authentication mode md5 level-2
  authentication key-chain ON
  mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
  mpls traffic-eng level-2
!
interface GigabitEthernet x/x/x
  negotiation auto
  ip router isis
  mtu 4470
  isis network point-to-point
  isis metric <metric> level-2
  isis circuit-type level-2-only
  isis authentication mode md5 level-2
  isis authentication key-chain ON
  carrier-delay ms 0
  dampening
interface POSx/y/x
  carrier-delay msec 0
  dampening
  ip router isis
  no peer neighbor-route
  isis metric 1 level-2
  isis circuit-type level-2-only
```

```

isis authentication mode md5 level-2
isis authentication key-chain ON
pos ais-shut
pos report lais
pos report lrldi
pos report pais
pos report prdi
pos report slos
pos report slof
!
key chain ON
key 1
key-string mypassword

```

Where to Go Next

To configure features to improve IS-IS network convergence times, complete the optional tasks in one or more of the following modules:

- "Reducing Failure Detection Times in IS-IS Networks"
- "Reducing Alternate-Path Calculation Times in IS-IS Networks"

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
IS-IS commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, command history, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco IOS IP Routing: ISIS Command Reference</i>
Overview of Cisco IS-IS conceptual information	"Overview of IS-IS Fast Convergence"
Cisco IOS master command list, all releases	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases

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Feature Information for Setting Best Practice Parameters for IS-IS Fast Convergence

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